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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicant encloses an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the documents cited in the Japanese Office Action (dated September 7, 2004) submitted herewith. An Englishlanguage translation is also submitted herewith.

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It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

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